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**Marc-André LEFEBVRE**

Application No.: 09/991,913

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For: METHOD OF ENABLING AN  
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PORTION

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Also enclosed is a partial European Search Report, issued by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. 02 026067, which is believed to claim priority to the present U.S. application.

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With respect to the non-English language document:

**CH 683 669** - This document was cited in the above-mentioned European Search Report. G.B. 2 235 767, submitted herewith, is believed to be the English language counterpart.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that the documents were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.


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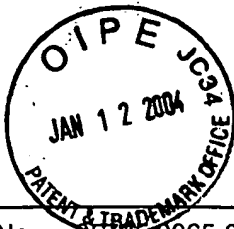
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